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## PASSING OF MAHER A PITIFUL SIGHT

Irish Champion Can't Get Out of the Way of His Sparring Partner.

### REFEREE'S PECULIAR ACTION

Fired Star-Bout Men Out of New Orleans Ring for Incompetency. Want Wrestling Match.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 9.—One of the tragedies of the prize ring was enacted here this week. Peter Maher, "Irish Champion," showed all through the week at the Lyric Theatre—a popular amusement house managed by "Parson" Davies, of Peter Jackson—"Jim" Corbett days.

After the afternoon's racing and the dinner at the hotel were over, sporting men dropped around in numbers to see Peter. The "Irish Champion" drew bumper houses. What a sorry sight he presented! The night before accepting the engagement at the Lyric, Maher slipped up too much corn juice, or else he would not have tucked a left hook beneath the jaw point of his mother-in-law, a circumstance which brought him and all his relatives into the police court.

Couldn't Dodge His Partner.

But to get back to the tragedy end of the story. Maher appeared each evening in a sparring exhibition of three rounds with "Kid" Phillips, of this city, a husky middleweight. Poor Peter! He has grown older than Moses. Fitzsimmons is a spring chicken compared to the Irishman. He appeared on the stage fat and stiff, and with scarce a strand of hair on his pate.

Ever fastidious, Maher wore a suit of pink tights and a green Irish belt one night last week. In the second round, Phillips uppeered him and he dropped to his knees. The old fellow couldn't get up for a few seconds, bringing to the minds of the old-timers in the house the finish of his fight with Fitz at Langtry, Tex., twelve years ago, when Peter went out in a single punch a few minutes after the going of the opening round. Maher is one of the few figures of the pugilistic heyday left standing. Soon he will be gone, too.

Suckers Still Plentiful.

Still the old fellow may get a fight down here this winter, as the ever ingenious set at Algiers, La., is thinking of bringing together Felix Vauquelin, a local heavyweight, who once gave "Jake" Kilrain a good mill, and Maher. If the bout occurs it will be on a Sunday afternoon down the Mississippi, where "Paddy" Ryan and "Tom" Co-burn fought years ago. In fact, the ring is to be pitched on the same historic spot.

Talking of fighting, the sports have been short the right sort of article this winter. The Young Men's Gymnastic Club set the ball a-rolling some time ago, but their shows are conducted in an amateurish manner, and the match-making is about as absurd as it is possible to imagine.

"No Contest"—Fighters Incompetent.

For instance, at the opening show of two weeks ago the main bout between Lewis, of Chicago, and Viackas, of Houston, Tex., had to be declared off on account of the incompetency of the principals. "No contest" yelled Referee Dr. Woods after the second round had begun. The spectators moved away sulkily.

The local fights bring out good houses. About the ring are to be seen many of the connoisseurs of the sport, including "Narmey" Ryan, of New York; "Jack" Sheehan, of Buffalo; "Jake" Marklin, of Cincinnati; A. R. Kline, of New York; "Patty" Phillips, of Chicago; "Charley" Cella, of St. Louis; "Johnnie" Maddigan, of Houston, Texas; "Mose" Goldblatt, of Cincinnati; "Jack" McCauliffe, retired world's lightweight champion; "Bob" Lloyd, one of the original backers of "Tommy" Murphy, and "Dynamite Jack" Thornby, of Gravesend, L. I. After Gotch and Hack.

Just now there is talk of a local syndicate offering a \$5,000 purse for which Gotch and Hackenschmidt, the wrestlers may battle in April. Gotch and Beell drew a \$3,000 house here last November, and it is thought the world's championship would bring out a \$10,000 house. The Missouri Athletic Club, of Kansas City, Mo., offers a \$10,000 purse, but somehow the New Orleans promoters are of the opinion that such an amount will not be posted by the M. A. C. when the showdown comes.

## PLAYERS OF TODAY ARE NO BETTER THAN EVER

Old-Time Infielders Show Up as Well as Their Successors in Playing Their Positions.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Comparisons are often made between the work of the old-time infielders and those of the present day. The figures that follow do not indicate that the stars of today cover any more ground or do any better work than the players of fifteen years ago.

Fred Pfeffer in seven years of second base played averaged 7.1 chances per game. "Big" McPhee for eight seasons averaged 6.9 chances per game. Miller Huggins has averaged 6.1 chances per game in three seasons; John Evans, 5.9 chances; the game in four seasons, and Lajolle, 6 chances per game in five seasons, while Hans Wagner averaged 6.2 chances per game for six seasons. At first base Charley Cominsky and "Pop" Anson averaged 16.5 chances per game in eight seasons. Frank Chance and Hal Chase, the crack-out-fielders, averaged 10.9 and 10.8 chances per game in three seasons.

## HOW CANTILLON WILL COACH WASHINGTON BALL TEAM



## BONHAG MAY TRY FOR NEW RECORD

Is Expected to Attack Indoor Three-Mile Mark at Georgetown Meet.

### ATTRACTIVE FIELD EVENTS

Pole Vault and High Jump Should Attract College Champions—Mulligan Will Enter Middle Distances.

Sending out entry blanks and selecting officials are keeping Manager Crumney, of the Georgetown indoor meet, on March 9 busy. Every school and club of consequence in the East has been invited to send individual entries and relay teams, and many replies are already at hand. The officials need careful consideration and nothing definite has been done as yet. Among those suggested for the more responsible positions are Dr. William Grant, of Baltimore; J. Easby Smith, Prof. Emory Wilson, Sam Stinemetz, C. E. Becker, Washington Y. M. C. A.; Capt. C. E. Edwards, and Thomas Neil.

Big Colleges Interested.

Already Yale and Pennsylvania have assured Manager Crumney that they will send down relay teams, and arrangements are now under way to get Princeton and Annapolis to do likewise. Princeton, especially, seems anxious to be represented, but its relay team is as yet in poor shape and the coach will not decide until the last minute whether his athletes will run. The Middles are in training, but it is not at all likely that they will be allowed to make the trip.

George Washington has a fast relay team this year, and it may be matched with Penn. Johns Hopkins has a splendid group of quarter-milers, and they are looking for opponents. The Georgetown-Virginia contest is expected to bring forth the keenest rivalry, as the two institutions have not met in a relay match for several years.

Bonhag After Record.

Besides the special fifty-yard invitation race, which should be a great drawing card for the meet, since the greatest short distance men in the East have been invited. A special three-mile exhibition, to try for a new record, is expected to be given by George Bonhag, of New York. Bonhag wired his intentions last week, and Manager Crumney has accepted his request.

The pole vault will be a new feature of the meet. This event was scheduled for last year, but never materialized. Yale and Penn are expected to end entries. Gidney, of the Boston Athletic Association, is expected to appear in the high jump. He holds the New England record. On this same B. A. A. team are W. Cow, world's champion shot putter, and conqueror of Ralph Ross, the Michigan giant, and Ellery Clark, former world's champion all-around athlete.

Mulligan to Run.

Jim Mulligan, the ex-Georgetown quarter-miler, now at Penn, sends word that his friend, Melvin Sheppard, is at present in poor condition, but he is positive that the great miler will be on hand for the Georgetown games. Mulligan expects to take part in the quarter and half-mile events. If Sheppard is fit, a race may be arranged between him and Bonhag.

The Georgetown Inter-class races are expected to prove more exciting and close than ever before. The freshmen will have a special race against George Washington freshmen, and Georgetown Law will run the lawyers from the same place.

## WESTERN INSTITUTIONS ARE NOW RECONCILED

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The universities of Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin have entered into a four years' agreement for the restoration of the big football games, suspended a year ago by a triangular agreement between Chicago, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Next fall Chicago will meet Michigan and Minnesota, while Wisconsin will meet Minnesota. In each of the three following years each of the four universities will meet two of its rivals. The resumption of the games is to be strictly on a basis of sportsmanship, and is subject to reconsideration at the end of the season of 1907.

### THE COAL MINE GHOST.

For weeks a mine at Coalbrook, Tyrone, Ireland, had been, it was said, haunted. Strange sounds were heard and strange unearthly sights were seen by the miners. Time and again the workers were startled until the force was in a virtual state of terror. At last, however, the ghost has been laid. It was a gray goblin. It roamed about the disused coal pits at night looking for food.

## WHAT AMATEUR ATHLETES ARE DOING FOR SPORTS

By MANHATTAN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—There is a great force quietly at work in our midst which it may be doubted is understood fully even by ordinarily well-informed men, which is destined to have a most important influence on American amateur sport, clinching our claims to world supremacy in this line of effort for a long time to come. It is the Public School Athletic League.

This organization is in its infancy as yet, but already it has developed some fine men and has spread the athletic spirit among thousands of boys, from among whom doubtless will come as the years pass champions and record breakers in all lines of athletics.

Some Interesting Figures.

A report recently made by Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, director of physical training in the New York city public schools, and president of the National Public School Athletic League, gives some interesting figures concerning the work of the league in this city.

The number of schoolboys taking part in athletics during the past season has been 21,872. In eighty-three schools there are branch leagues organized, with a membership of 12,611.

The boys of 165 schools have grounds or available parks for practice, and ninety-two schools have basketball courts. Dr. Gulick says: "Last year 411 teachers did volunteer service in helping the boys after school with their athletics. If these men were paid for their time at the same rate for which they are compensated for their other work, it would have made a total contribution of something like \$120,000."

A Splendid Indorsement.

This service on the part of class teachers and principals is, as I am sure you will agree, a most splendid indorsement of the Public Schools Athletic League, for these men know the needs and difficulties as no other group of people does."

This simply shows what is done in New York city. The league has a foothold in a number of other cities in various parts of the country. Every city and town in the country ought to have an organized branch of the league.

It is a poor week when an amateur record is not lowered these days. The man who has been playing havoc with the figures now is C. M. Daniel, the wonderful New York Athletic Club swimmer. He lowered six world's records in the 500-yard handicap swim. Daniel started from scratch and covered the first 250 yards in 3 minutes 1 2/5 seconds, eight seconds better than the record. The 500-yard mark was passed in 13:45 2/5, the 300 yards in 4:23 3/5, and he finally crossed the finish in 6:55 4/5, eight and one-fifth seconds better than the record, which was held by H. J. Handy.

Handy's Peculiar Letter.

It is not at all certain that M. J. Handy, the Chicago crack, and Daniel will meet on February 23. Handy has written a peculiar letter in which he practically invites Daniel to call the race off. Handy, while saying he will race, declares that he is at least seventy yards slower than he would be in competition, and says: "I am perfectly willing to let you hit me when I am down if it gives you any satisfaction."

Under the circumstances it is hardly probable that Daniel will care particularly about meeting the Chicago man.

Because of objections made by the faculties of the universities, both Princeton and Johns Hopkins have withdrawn

## ONLY THREE EVENTS FOR SPRINTER KELLY

Champion Western Runner Will Hereafter Confine His Efforts to the 100, 220, and Broad Jump.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 9.—"Bill" Haywards, trainer at the University of Oregon, and formerly assistant at the University of California, has announced that his charge, Dan Kelly, world's champion sprinter, will in future confine his efforts to three events, the 100, 220, and broad jump.

Kelly holds the world's record of 9.3 seconds in the 100-yard dash, the performance occurring at Spokane, Wash., in June of last year. In a dual meet at Eugene, Ore., on May 15, 1906, Kelly equaled the best record ever made in the 220-yard race, and on the same day hung up a new Pacific coast mark in the broad jump, that of 24 feet 2 1/2 inches. He is still the recognized broad jump champion of the coast.

The great athlete formerly took part in five events, the 100, 220 broad and high jumps, and relay races. Trainer Haywards is of the opinion that Kelly overexerts himself by competing in so many contests, and has decided to limit the sprinter's versatility. At the meet in Eugene last May, Kelly fell in a faint as he hit the tape in the deciding heat of the 220, which was the final event of the field day and the fifth competition in which Kelly had taken part.

Kelly will probably be seen in this State during the spring, when he is expected to compete in the track meet being arranged between the athletes of California and Oregon.

## GREAT SWIMMING CARNIVAL IS ASSURED OF SUCCESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A great swimming contest is being planned in connection with the N. Y. A. C. aquatic meet, to be held in March.

It is a 200-yard handicap relay race for teams of four men, in which every organization within reach will be urged to take part. The New York Athletic Club's crack quartet—C. M. Daniels, C. D. Truhenbach, Lester Crane, and L. J. Goodwin—holders of the national championship, will be on scratch, and there will be three other Mercury Foot teams receiving allowances.

Yale, Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Princeton have given their assurance that they will be represented, and so have the Twenty-third street and Fifty-ninth street branches of the Young Men's Christian Association. It is also expected that four or more of the regiments will have entries, and that as many boat clubs and half a dozen of the minor athletic clubs can be induced to take part. A conservative estimate of the entries places the number of teams at about twenty, so that there is little doubt that the event will be the greatest in the history of American swimming.

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## VARIETY OF RELAYS IN FEDERAL GAMES

Four Georgetown Teams Expected to Take Part in High School Meet.

### YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED

Selection of Grammar School and Mid-get Teams Creating Excitement. Western Maryland Entries.

There will be four relay teams from Georgetown University in the Federal indoor track and field games in Convention Hall on February 23. All of them will run one mile.

The Blue and Gray's varsity quartet has been matched in a race against Richmond College, and there will be a contest for the championship of the law school with teams from the first, second, and third years as competitors.

Two weeks ago in Richmond, Georgetown's varsity runners defeated the Richmond College team by ten yards in one of the most exciting relay races ever run in the South. The men from the Virginia capital charge their defeat to an unfortunate fall of luck, their third man, which lost them a quarter of a lap, and they are confident that if an accident does not happen to any of their men in the Federal games they will trim Georgetown. It is said they are coming to Washington with plenty of confidence and coin to back their chances. Not much is being said in the Georgetown camp.

Georgetown and Richmond. That both teams are anxious to get at each other again is evident from the fact that the day after Manager Foley proposed the race the managers of both teams had accepted the proposition. It is probable that the teams will be composed of the same men who ran in Richmond, when Georgetown used Cohen, Sullivan, O'Boyle, and Montgomery, and Richmond was represented by Richardson, Louthan, Luck, and Gooch.

The race between the three classes of the Georgetown Law School promises to be one of the most hotly fought affairs of the program. The classes have been scored for good runners and the candidates have been working steadily for two weeks. It is said the first year class has a very fast bunch. Its best men are Kelly, Devine, Donney, Crane, Mudd, and Drury. The second year team will probably be chosen from Doonan, B. McKenna, Nash, Phelan, Green, Leary, and Gaffney. The choice for the third year team has narrowed down to Corgan, Padcock, Columbus, D. McKenna, and Connelly.

Western Maryland to Front.

In addition to these four teams the Georgetown Prep School has been matched against the Woodberry Forest School, of Orange, Va., for a one-mile senior relay. Counting in these races there is now a total of sixteen relays on the Federal games program, which, with the seven open scholastic events, five open handicap events, and three special events in which Martin Sheridan, Olympic champion, will be the star, there is a grand total of thirty-one events on the program.

Manager Foley received word yesterday from Manager Turner, of Western Maryland College, that this institution will be represented in the Federal games this year for the first time. Western Maryland has a good high jumper in Wheeler, a good sprinter in Turner, a speedy middle distance runner in Mack, and some husky, lively quarter-milers in Marcus, Brown, and Ranzer. Their relay team may also be matched in a one-mile race against another Southern college.

Little Fellows Excited.

Some of the schools which will be represented in the relay races have already had their trials, and the others will give the candidates their final chance the latter part of this week. Probably the greatest excitement is among the youngsters who are trying for the grade school and midget teams. This is their one chance of the year to make a public appearance and they are preparing for it accordingly. The team of Juniors of the Country School for Boys, of Baltimore, who will run a match race against the Woodberry Forest School, will be composed of Robert Ober, Nelson Bolton, E. R. Simpson, and L. Levering, with Dudley Carroll for substitute.

The senior relay teams of Western, Eastern and Business High schools will be picked the middle of this week, and the final choices for the quartets of the Washington School for Boys, Georgetown Prep, and the Army and Navy Prep will be made on Thursday or Friday.

Entries for the games will close positively next Saturday night, but Manager Foley expects to have most of the names by Thursday or Friday. The seat sale will begin tomorrow morning at the sporting goods stores.

SO SELFISH OF HIM.

Citman—What's the matter with you Swamphurst fellows. You don't seem to like my friend Backlotz. Subbs—No, he's selfish. Citman—Oh, come now. Subbs—That's what he is. A barn near his caught fire the other night, and he put it out without waiting for the rest of us members of the Swampst Horse to reach the scene.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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